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NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE ALUMNI OF REDEEMER COLLEGE

## Fee agreement signed and sealed

TIM WOLFERT (87)

It's been called the "Pool Fund," the "Arena Fund," the "Ball Diamond Fund" -- and many other things. But no matter what you know it as, if you attended Redeemer between 1986 and 1995 you have paid a \$100 "Student Recreation Fee." And now, after some confusion, much discussion, and many delays, there is a comprehensive agreement in place that sets out what has happened with the fee that has been collected, and how it is to be administered in the future.

The Student Recreation Facility Fee was a student initiative that was first collected in 1986. The idea was to create a fund, through student donations, that would over time be used to construct a recreation facility on the planned new campus. It was to be a gift by students for the use of students and alumni. However, as time went on and no pool or rink or diamond was built, the original heady ideals of the fund became less clear, and students and alumni began to question what was happening with their \$100 fee. Numerous Student Senates and Alumni Boards have dealt with this issue, and it became clear that a single, comprehensive agreement was needed to clarify the situation.

There have been three stages in the fund's history:

1) Monies collected from 1986 to 1989 were donated by the Alumni Board to the Redeemer Foundation as part of the LIFT Campaign. The amount of \$95,779 went into a restricted, interest-bearing account administered by the College, known as



*The Student Recreation Fee agreement was signed April 12 by three presidents: Joy Miedema, (Alumni Association), Shawn deRaaf (Student Senate) and Dr. Justin Cooper (College).*

the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund (ASEF). The interest that ASEF generates is transferred to the Redeemer Foundation to help fund its Leadership Scholarship program. Each year since 1990, ASEF has generated revenue to fund 5-7 scholarships, valued at \$1,250 each, for incoming students who have demonstrated gifts in Christian leadership.

2) The Student Recreation Facility Fee that was collected between 1989-94 was temporarily redirected by Senate to fund library expansion. This money, plus an additional \$100,000, (for a total of \$308,000),

will be put back into the Fund once the College undertakes a capital campaign.

3) For the years 1994-97, funds collected are being placed in a special account; interest on these funds will be paid at the rate paid for Redeemer College Mortgage Bonds and these funds will grow until a recreation facility is constructed.

As the fund approaches an estimated \$450,000 by the end of 1997, decisions need to be made on how big the fund should grow, and how it will be spent. In his remarks at the signing ceremony, Dr. Cooper expressed his appreciation to Senate and the Alumni Board for working to resolve this issue in a positive spirit. Dr. Cooper called this a "significant agreement, demonstrating the desire and commitment of the College to work cooperatively with students and alumni." Much like the process that was in place before construction began on the new campus, students

(and now alumni), will have a voice in what will be constructed during the next capital campaign.

The agreement puts into one document all the different pieces of this arrangement, some of which were originally done verbally, or which were spread among different departments at the College. The original intent of the fund--to create a recreation facility--is now solidly in place, as is the mechanism for closing the agreement and determining what is to be built. Copies of the agreement can be obtained by contacting the Alumni Office at the College.

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# EDITORIAL

## Not a part-time mother

SUSAN WIKKERINK (86)

I am the mother of three children (ages 6, 4, and 1) who works outside of the home and loves it! I have the utmost respect for stay-at-home moms and sometimes even feel a little envious of the time they can spend with their children. I must confess, however, that I truly enjoy teaching and see it as one of the many important roles which I play in the lives of others. I have what I consider to be the best of both career and family life.

Having a job outside of the home has made my husband Richard and I re-evaluate what is important in our lives. Whether or not the house gets dusted this week is not nearly as important as the time we spend with the children. We try to keep our lives as simple and routine as possible providing stability in the midst of the busy-ness.

We have been truly blessed with excellent child care, (the Redeemer College Parents' Childcare Centre) allowing us to leave the children in the morning and never feel a twinge of guilt. We know that while we are at work, our children are happily and safely playing with other children under the watchful supervision of childcare workers who love them. They are learning to be independent individuals, developing many important social skills away from the sometimes too intrusive interference of their perhaps over-sensitive parents.

Many women, because of economic necessity or simply a need to get out and



Richard and Susan Wikkerink with Kristen, Spencer and Selena.

do something different, must work outside of the home. This does not in any way make them "part-time mothers." The term "full-time mom" has always annoyed me as it implies that I am, by contrast, only a "part-time mom." I do not stop being a mother when I leave my children at the Child-care Centre, nor do I cease to be a mother to my six-year old when she leaves for school in the morning. Even though my children are being cared for

by someone else, I am always responsible for their well-being.

The Christian community has not always been very understanding of why I feel a need to work outside of the home. Over the years, we have learned to ignore the unsolicited opinions of others and live happily and peacefully with the decisions we have prayerfully made for our family.

I have been richly blessed with three wonderful children and with a career which I love. The children look forward to going to the centre to play as much as I look forward to the stimulation and challenges of teaching. I am thankful that I am able to worship God in all that I do, whether that be while I am teaching at school or caring for my family at home. God has given each of us special gifts and unique personalities. What we do with these is our way of giving thanks to God. I believe that by raising my children in the ways of the Lord and by teaching my grade seven and eight students about the amazing world God made, I am serving him to the best of my ability.

## Business card contest winner

Congratulations to Ray Vanderkooij, pastor of the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Simcoe, ON, who won a Redeemer College sweatshirt from the College's Bookstore. Ray was one of many alumni who sent in their business cards, a number of which were home-made.

The Alumni Office hopes that you will continue to keep the College up-to-date on what you are doing. More than just a way of keeping up with each other, this is one of the best ways the College can promote itself to prospective students and supporters.

In addition to the business card display (which is on-going), we would be happy to display such things as promotional materials for your own company, copies of your post-graduate thesis or published articles, or other examples of what you have been involved with since leaving Redeemer.

*Promote yourself and Redeemer! -- Send materials to the Alumni Office at Redeemer.*



Ray Vanderkooij receives his sweatshirt from Benita Wolters in the bookstore.

## Board nominations needed for upcoming year

The Alumni Board invites nominations of eligible persons (those who have completed at least eight courses at Redeemer) to serve on the Alumni Board of Directors. Members-at-Large are elected at the an-

nual meeting of the Alumni Association in September for a three year term. The Board generally meets five times per year to discuss ways of promoting alumni activities and the College. We hope that you will

consider volunteering your time and gifts in the development of these areas.

For further information about the Alumni Board, contact Tim Wolfert, Alumni Affairs Coordinator at the College.



# Alumni choir harmonizes with Redeemer choir

ROB JANSSENS (93; BC Ed 94)

On April 12, the Redeemer Concert Choir held its annual Spring Concert with members of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, soprano Tannis Sprott, and for the first time, the Alumni Choir, made up of former concert Choir members.

The concert was the brainchild of Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen (who recently completed his doctorate at the University of Iowa), and his wife Rebecca. Together they were able to round up 27 alumni, from Hamilton to Belleville, and successfully blend those voices of the past with those of the present.

The alumni had assembled for four previous evening rehearsals from November to

April and joined the Concert Choir, consisting of 40 students, for some last minute preparations. The opportunity to socialize was a neat perk, but everyone was there for the music.

The concert featured C.P.E.

Bach's *Heilig*, sung in German, which used a double choir formula, along with a variety of selections from Handel's *Messiah*, which combined the Concert and Alumni Choirs into one 67-voice organ of praise. The orchestra and soloist Tannis

Sprott (who is also a faculty member), added to the majesty of the performance.

While this was not the maiden concert for the Alumni Choir, it surely was a special experience for the participants - the years disappeared and memories flooded back: singing in the same choir room, the folders, the warmups, the stage, the discipline, the common goal of praising God.

Getting such a collection of singers together certainly would have been more difficult if it were not for the loyalty the members obviously still feel toward the College and to music-making. Plans are already in the works for an Alumni Choir performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* next year.



The two choirs joined together in singing Handel's *Messiah*.

## New class of membership in the College for alumni

At its April meeting, the Redeemer College Board of Governors approved a proposal from the Alumni Board of Directors to create a new class of membership that recognizes the unique character and situation of alumni. When the College Membership gives its approval, this new class, known as "Alumni Members", will be open to all former students who have completed at least 8 courses at Redeemer and who are in agreement with the College's Statement of Basis and Principles.

Alumni members will share in all the privileges and responsibilities of the regular "Supporting Member" class, including the right to vote at the annual meeting. However, unlike

the regular "Supporting Member" class which carries a minimum financial obligation of \$120 per year, Alumni Members will need to pay only \$60 per year.



Joy Miedema (88), Alumni Board President.

Joy Miedema (88), president of the Alumni Board, considers this a significant change: "It recognizes the contribution that alumni have already made to Redeemer, and the reality that there

are a number of alumni who would like to become members, but have other obligations that they need to meet," she said.

The Alumni Board is also hoping to increase the level of support alumni give to the College, not only financially, but also in promotion and leadership. The Board feels that membership in the College is a very

good way to continue and enhance alumni involvement.

Bill Smouter, Vice-President (Advancement), is encouraged to see alumni taking a more active role in the College. "We are reaching a point where

alumni, especially those from the earlier years, are able to become more involved in their support of the College," he said. "I am pleased to see the Alumni Board take the initiative in fostering this support."

### New membership program for alumni being established

In response to the new membership class and rate, the Alumni Board is launching a campaign encouraging alumni to become members of the College.

The Alumni Board feels that by becoming members, alumni can benefit the College in three very important ways:

- 1) the College can draw on the experiences and insights of active, involved alumni;
- 2) alumni can demonstrate to the Ministry of Education

and Training their support of Redeemer (see Dr. Cooper's comments in *Reflections*).

3) alumni can help the College reach its financial targets.

In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter from the Alumni Board explaining this initiative in greater detail and inviting you to become a member of Redeemer College. Please prayerfully consider this request and become an active, supporting member of the College as it works out its mission.



## PERSONAL TOUCH

▶ **Jeff (93) and Karen (93) Kiers** have been living in B.C. for three years. Jeff is a teacher at Fraser Valley Christian High and Karen is a residential resource worker at Bethesda Christian Association for the handicapped. They are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Mikaela Alena on Nov. 24, 1995. They live at 10571 Holly Park Lane, Surrey B.C., J3R 6X8.

▶ **Matthew Timpson (x88)** was married to Donna Henry on July 22, 1995. Matt graduated from York University in Nov. 94 and works as a currency trader in downtown Toronto. He lives at 5-4752 Dundas St. W., Etobicoke, M9A 1A9.

▶ **Peter (86) and Judith (DeJong, 86) Vellenga** praise God for the birth of Jaclyn Adrianna Joy, born on Dec. 13, 95. She is a little sister to Johanna and Steffen. Peter is serving the Grace Orthodox Reformed Church in Clinton (since Oct. 95) and Judith is a 'keeper at home' (Titus 2:5 KJV), and loving it! They live at RRI, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0.

▶ **Harry (90) and Evelyn (Otten x87) Zekveld** live at 306 Carroll St. P.O. Box 475, Sanborn, IA, USA, 51248. Harry graduated from Mid-America Reformed Seminary in 1993 and is now comfortably settled with his family in Sanborn where he serves as pastor of the Cornerstone Orthodox Reformed Church. He and Evelyn enjoy the daily blessing of three children: Jordan (5), Jonathan (3), and Levi (1).

▶ **Donna Brockway (93)** is enjoying teaching Grade 1 at Mississauga Christian Academy with **Annette (Visser) Eggengoor**, grad of 1994 and **Anita Bull** (1995), and teaching them all her bad habits! She lives at 75 Epsom Downs Dr., Brampton, ON, L6T 1Y7.

▶ **Annette (Oosterhof x84) Schreuders** and husband Rob have moved back to Ontario (see story in *Reflections*). They and their children Stephanie (3) and Michael (2) will temporarily be living at Redeemer College, 777 Hwy. 53 E., L9K 1J4.

▶ **Robert (90) and Cindy (x90) Kooy** proudly announce the birth of Austen Jacob on Feb. 18, brother to Ryan and Arianna. Cindy is a full-time mom and Robert teaches at Abbotsford Christian Secondary School. They live at 58-32310 Mouat Dr., Abbotsford, BC, V2T 4J1.

▶ **John (93) and Kimberly (93) Maich** along with Robert (4) and Grace (1) are pleased to announce the birth of the newest little Maich-Hannah Jean, at 9 lbs. even, Feb. 19, 1996. They live at 21-6020 Iona Dr., Vancouver, BC, V6T 1L4.

▶ **Annette (Ridder x86) Regnerus** and husband Allan welcomed their first child, Jonathan, into the world on Oct. 27, 95. Annette is on maternity leave from Calvin Christian School in Dundas. They live at 14 Westview Cres., Waterdown, ON L0R 2H1.

▶ **Irene den Bak-Lammers (x85)** received a Masters of Arts degree in Developmental Psychology from the University of Waterloo in the fall of 1994. God has provided her with a job at the Wellington County Board of Education as a Psychological Consultant. She was married to Scott Lammers in June 1995. They live at 148 Foxhunt Rd., Waterloo, ON N2K 3N1.

▶ **Stephanie (Proper 92) VanRooyen** and husband Greg are happy to announce the birth of their first daughter, Janelle Marie, born Feb. 6, 1996. They live at 39 Ferguson Dr., Barrie, ON L4N 7B5.

▶ **Lisa Meulman McKinley (91)** and husband Darren have moved from Owen Sound (since Sept.). Their new address is 620 Pinder Ave., Newmarket, ON L3X 2A7. Lisa is teaching kindergarten at Holland Marsh District Christian School. Darren commutes to Toronto where he works for Juergen H. Rust Architect.

▶ **Rodney DeKoter (88)** graduated Redeemer with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. For the past six years he has been enrolled in a PhD program in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Western Ontario. On April 19, he successfully defended his PhD

thesis entitled "Purification and Partial Characterization of a Novel Myeloperoxidase Factor from Bone Marrow." In June, he will marry Marietta Drost and July 1 they will be moving to Chicago where Rod will take up a postdoctoral research position with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology, the University of Chicago. Temporarily, his address is still 204-107 Grand Ave., London, ON N6C 1M3.

▶ **Meredith Dykstra (94)** has moved to 75 King St. E. #3, Brockville, ON K6V 1B2.

## Yearbooks for Sale

Want to remember just how we dressed in the early 1980s? Long for images of old classmates? Need proof that you really were a varsity athlete? Maybe you just lost your old yearbooks and you would like a new copy. There are a limited number of yearbooks available for sale at greatly reduced prices. They cover the academic years 1982-83 to 1990-91 and 1992-93 to 1994-95.

To reserve your copy, send your order to The Alumni Office, Redeemer College. Please include your name, mailing address, and the year(s) you would like. Yearbooks are \$10 each (includes shipping). Make cheque payable to Redeemer College Student Senate.

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